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PAID-UP CAPITAL..... \$8,168,002.50
RESERVE FUND..... \$6,482,127.20
RECEIVED LIABILITY OF \$8,168,002.50
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Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits—
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

LOCAL BANK DISCOUNTED.
Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.
Drafts granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

THOMAS JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, September 11, 1890. 363

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.

2.—Sums less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year.

3.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.

4.—Interest at the rate of 3% per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.

5.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.

6.—Correspondence as to the business of the Bank if marked On Hongkong Savings' Bank Business is forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.

7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
THOMAS JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, May 13, 1890. 754

CUSTOMS NOTIFICATION.

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL..... \$2,000,000.
PAID-UP CAPITAL..... \$250,000.

LONDON.—Head Office, 49, Threadneedle Street. West End Office, 26, Cockspur Street.

BRANCHES IN INDIA, CHINA, JAPAN AND THE COLOMBIES.

THE BANK receives Money on Deposit, Buys and Sells Bills of Exchange, Issues Letters of Credit, forwards Bills for Collection, and Transacts Banking and Agency Business generally, on terms to be agreed upon.

INTEREST ALLOWED on Deposits: Fixed for 12 months 8 per cent. per annum.

" 6 " 4 " "
" 3 " 3 " "
ON CURRENT DEPOSITS ACCOUNTS 2 per cent. per annum on the Daily Balance.

E. W. RUTTER,
Manager.
Hongkong, September 4, 1890. 1362

Intimations.

CITY HALL.

NOTICE.

THE Annual MEETING of SHARE-HOLDERS in and SUBSCRIBERS to the above Institution (POSTPONED from the 11th Instant), will be held in the LIBRARY on TUESDAY, the 23rd December, 1890, at Four o'Clock in the Afternoon.

H. L. DENNYS,
Secretary.

Hongkong, December 20, 1890. 2104

THE PEAK HOTEL AND TRADING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that the FINAL CALL of \$1000 (TEN DOLLARS) per SHARE in the above Company is hereby made, and is payable at the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, on or before January 20th, 1891.

INTEREST at the Rate of 12% per Annum will be charged on all Calls overdu.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

J. WHEELEY,
Secretary.

Hongkong, December 20, 1890. 2102

THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

In the Matter of the Estate of VIRGINIA FRANCISCA DAS CHAGAS, Deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Honourable the Chief Justice having, in virtue of Section 3 of Ordinance 9 of 1870, made an Order limiting to the 31st DECEMBER, 1890, the time for sending in CLAIMS against the said Estate.

All Creditors are hereby required to send in their CLAIMS to the Undersigned before the said date.

Dated 17th December, 1890.

BRUCE SHEPHERD,
2105
Acting Registrar.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

In the Matter of the Estate of FRANCISCO SALAS ALMARIO, late of Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, COMPRIOR, Deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Honourable the Chief Justice having, in virtue of Section 3 of Ordinance 9 of 1870, made an Order limiting to the 1st February, 1891, the time for sending in CLAIMS against the said Estate.

All Creditors are hereby required to send in their CLAIMS to the Undersigned before the said date.

Dated the 17th day of December, 1890.

BRUCE SHEPHERD,
2106
Acting Registrar.

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SOCIÉTÉ ANONYME,
WITH A CAPITAL OF FRANCS 4,000,000.

ISSUE authorized by the SHAREHOLDERS of 6,000 DEBENTURES of \$100 each making a sum of \$600,000.

There have been issued 2,500 Bonds of \$100 each making a sum of \$250,000.

Applications will be received for a further issue of Bonds of \$100 each making a sum of \$100,000, leaving a balance to be issued if necessary of 2,500 Bonds of \$100 each or a sum of \$250,000.

The DEBENTURES are payable on the 30th September 1896 or on such earlier day as the principal monies thereby secured shall become payable in accordance with the conditions endorsed thereon. A form of the Debenture can be seen at the BRANCH OFFICE at Hongkong upon presentation of a Coupon annexed to the Debenture, the last payment of Interest to be in respect of the months of July, August, and September 1890.

The Debentures will be issued at par for sums of \$100 each and will carry interest from the 1st day of January 1891 at the rate of 3% per cent. per annum payable half yearly on the 30th June and the 31st December in each year at the HEAD OFFICE at Hongkong or at the BRANCH OFFICE at Hongkong upon presentation of a Coupon annexed to the Debenture on allotment.

Failure to pay the sum due on allotment will render the allotment liable to cancellation.

Forms of application may be obtained at the BRANCH OFFICE of the Company at Hongkong.

Applications will CLOSE on SATURDAY, the 20th December instant, at Noon.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

CARL GEORG,
Secretary.

Hongkong, December 15, 1890. 2100

NEW HATS.

CHRISTY'S AND HEATH'S BLACK, BROWN AND GREY FELT HATS.

DOUBLE AND SINGLE TERRAI AND OTHER SOFT FELTS.

LADIES' FELT HELMETS, AND

BEST ENGLISH-MADE STRAW HATS.

CALCUTTA PITH HATS,

TWEED CAPS.

ROBERT LANG & CO.

Hongkong, July 23, 1890. 1324

W. POWELL & CO.

CHRISTMAS SHOW F

TOYS

AND

SEASONABLE NOVELTIES.

W. POWELL & CO.

VICTORIA EXCHANGE, December 15, 1890. 2100

INTIMATIONS.

MAC'S AINE

SPECIAL BLEND OF

FINEST OLD VATTED

SCOTCH WHISKY,

Of unsurpassed body and exquisite and

highly refined flavour.

Price..... \$10 per Case.

Sole Agent,

JOHN D. BUTHISON.

Hongkong, October 30, 1890. 1875

THE CHINA-BORNEO COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

IT is hereby notified that the FIRST

CALL of FIVE DOLLARS (\$5) per

SHARE on Shares in the above Company is

Payable to the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI

BANKING CORPORATION on or before MON-

DAY, the 19th January, 1891.

INTEREST at the Rate of 1% per

annum will be charged on all Calls overdu.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.,

Agents.

EDWARD OSBORNE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, December 2, 1890. 2068

SWEEPSTAKES of \$20 each. Half for

feet, if declared on or before day of

CROSSING Entries, with \$100 added for 1st

Pony, and \$50 per 2nd.

For all China Ponies load side Griffins at date of

SATURDAY, 17th January, 1891.

First Pony, 70 per cent.; Second Pony, 20 per

cent.; Third, 10 per cent. Weight 16st.

One-mile-and-a-half. (NOMINA

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SHANGHAI
The Steamship
"Nippon,"
Capt. Th. KÖHLER, will
be despatched for the
above Port TO-MORROW, the 23rd Inst.,
at 4 p.m.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
SIEMSEN & Co.,
Hongkong, December 22, 1890. 2205

THE SCOTTISH ORIENTAL STEAM-
SHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR HOIHOW AND BANGKOK.

The Company's Steamer
"Somelot Phra Nang,"
Captain R. Jones, will
be despatched for the
above Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 24th
Inst., at 9 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
YUEN FAT HONG,
Agents.

Hongkong, December 22, 1890. 2206

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.
The Co.'s Steamship
"Hawking,"
Captain HARRIS, will be
despatched for the above
Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 24th Inst., at
Daylight, instead of as previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, December 22, 1890. 2196

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.
The Co.'s Steamship
"Hawking,"
Captain ROACH, will be
despatched for the above
Ports on THURSDAY, the 25th Inst., at
Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, December 22, 1890. 2214

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.
The Co.'s Steamship
"Cyclops,"
Captain NISHI, will be
despatched for the above on
FRIDAY, the 26th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, December 22, 1890. 2201

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND
NAGASAKI.
(Passing through the INLAND SEA.)

The Co.'s Steamship
"General Weller,"
Captain M. E. EVELYN, will
leave for the above Ports
on or about the 27th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
MELCHERS & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, December 22, 1890. 2212

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM TO SHANGHAI.
The Co.'s Steamship
"Preussen,"
Capt. W. REIMKARSEN,
will leave for the above
place about 24 hours after arrival with the
outward German Mail.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
MELOHERS & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, December 22, 1890. 2213

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.
The Co.'s Steamship
"Talaman,"
Captain JACKSON, will be
despatched as above on
SUNDAY, the 23rd Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, December 22, 1890. 2202

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI VIA AMOY.
(Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates
for NINGPO, CHEFOO, NEW
OHWANG, TIENSIN, HANKOW
and Ports on the YANGTZE.)

The Co.'s Steamship
"Laurie,"
Captain S. C. WILLIAMS, will be
despatched as above on
SUNDAY, the 23rd Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, December 22, 1890. 2203

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR PORT DARWIN, QUEENSLAND
PORTS, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.

The Co.'s Steamship
"Changha,"
Capt. J. E. WILLIAMS, Com-
mander, will be des-
patched as above on TUESDAY, the 30th
Instant.

The attention of Passengers is directed
to the Superior Accommodation offered by
this Steamer. First-class Saloon and Cabins
are situated forward of the Engines.
Second-class Passengers are berthed in the
Poop. A Refrigerating Chamber ensures
the supply of Fresh Provisions during the
entire voyage. A duly qualified Surgeon is
carried.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, December 22, 1890. 2204

To-day's Advertisements.

THEATRE ROYAL,
The people's popular place of Amusement.
GLORIOUS AND TRUMPHANT
SUCCESS
of the Renowned and Only
STANLEY OPERA COMPANY,
THE DONATORS OF MIRTH AND MUSIC.

TONIGHT,
MONDAY, December 22nd,
For the Last Time in Hongkong, sustain
the part of *Corporal Simon* in
3 ACTS OF
"LALLA ROOKH" — LALLA ROOKH.

NOTICE.
Mr. H. STANLEY has much pleasure in
announcing that he has made arrangements
for the Re-appearance of that Great Artist
Signor MAJORONI, who will on
TUESDAY,

For the Last Time in Hongkong, sustain
the part of *Corporal Simon* in
"THE OLD CORPORAL."

WEDNESDAY, December 24th,
THE BEAUTIFUL PANTOMIME OF
"SLEEPING BEAUTY,"
OR
HARLEQUIN SAILOR PRINCE AND
THE FALEY SILVERSTAR.
NEW SCENERY, NEW DRESSES, NEW
THEATRICAL ETC., ETC.

PRICES AS USUAL — \$2.00 and \$1.00.
Military and Navy half-price to Back Seats
only.

BOX PLAN open at 9 a.m., at Messrs.
KELLY & WALSH, LTD.
T. EMPSON, Manager.
Hongkong, December 22, 1890. 2206

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

THE Undeclared INSURANCE
OFFICES will be CLOSED for the
transaction of Public Business on THURS-
DAY and FRIDAY NEXT, the 25th and
26th instant.

By Order of the Committee,
H. E. WODEHOUSE,
Hon. Sec., Jubilee Committee.
Hongkong, December 22, 1890. 2209

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Agents,
Canton Insurance Office, Ltd.;
General Managers,
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.

N. J. EDE,
Secretary,

Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd.

W. H. PERCIVAL,
Agent,

North-China Insurance Co., Ltd.

W. H. RAY,
Secretary,

China Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd.

H. HARMS,
for the Liquidators,

Chinese Insurance Company, Ltd.,
(in Liquidation).

RUSSELL & Co.,
Agents,

Yangtze Insurance Association, Ltd.

JAMES B. COUGHTRIE,
Secretary,

China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.

ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,
Agents,

Singapore Insurance Company, Ltd.

ROBERT BAIRD,
Agent,

The Straits Insurance Co., Ltd.;
The Straits Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, December 22, 1890. 2207

DAKIN BROS. OF CHINA,
LIMITED,
CHEMISTS, &c.

PURE WINES.

WE beg to invite careful attention to
the following selection from our
Wine List, for we have succeeded in
combining purity and excellence of quality
with moderate prices.

SHERRY.

VINO GENEROSO—a
generous round wine,
green seal \$0.00 \$0.60

VINO DE PASTO—a
medium dry wine with
delicate flavour, red seal \$10.00 \$1.00

AMONTILLADO—a high
class natural wine for con-
noisseurs of Sherry, yellow
seal \$12.00 \$1.10

DELICIOSO—the very fin-
est sherry procurable, 6
years in bottle \$14.00 \$1.25

PORT.

Superior quality \$10.00 \$1.60

Invalid Port, gold seal \$12.00 \$1.10

Old Tawny, soft and mature,
black seal \$14.00 \$1.25

Superior selected old vint-
age \$20.00 \$1.75

BURGUNDY.

BEAUNE—a full-bodied
Red Burgundy with
strengthening properties \$14.00 \$1.25

CHARBLES—an old White
Burgundy, fine flavour-
 bouquet \$14.00 \$1.25

CHAMPAGNE.

AVIZEL—a well matured,
superior selected dry wine \$18.00 \$1.75

LEMOINE—VIN BLANC
—CUVÉE ROYALE As

Supplied regularly to the
Prince of Wales, House
of Commons, and the
chief clubs in London &c. \$22.00 \$2.00

Per case of 24 flacons \$23.00 \$1.00

We are Sole Agents for China for the Sale of
this splendid Wine.

TELEPHONE NO. 60.

Nos. 22 & 24, QUEEN'S ROAD
CENTRAL. 2116

Particulars of the Lot.

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No. Locality, Boundary
Measurements
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Inland
Lok (Taiping-
shan) 105 105 50.6 30.8 8,204 48,680

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN,
SUEZ, PORT SAID, BOMBAY,
BRINDISI, GENOA, ANTWERP,
BREMEN & HAMBURG,
PORTS IN THE LEVANTINE, BLACK
SEA & BALTIC PORTS;

1890.

LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON,
BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS,
GALVESTON & SOUTH AMERICAN
PORTS.

TAICHOW, British str., 862, R. Unsworth,
Bengal December 14, General—YUEN
FAT HONG.

Zafiro, British steamer, 675, A. M. K.
McCaslin, Manila December 18, General—
RUSSELL & Co.

China, German steamer, 1,097, P. Voss,
Saguen December 16, Rice and General—
EDWARD SCHELLMASS & Co.

December 22.

Kaitong, British steamer, 982, T. Gyles,
Wuhu November 17, Rice—BUTTERFIELD
& SWIRE.

Herpera, German steamer, 1,185, L.
Madsen, Hamburg November 1, and Singa-
pore December 14, General—SIESENSEN &
Co.

Triumph, German steamer, 874, J. Brunn,
Partho and Golow December 21, General—
ED. SCHELLMASS & Co.

Per 27th inst., instead of as previous-
ly notified.

For SHANGHAI & STRAITS.—
Per 27th inst., instead of as previous-
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For SINGAPORE.—
Per 27th inst., instead of as previous-
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For BANGKOK.—
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For CHINA.—

so important a precedent for future Governors in this colony to follow. I had to bear in mind that I am not Governor here, merely acting for somebody else. I must therefore be exceedingly careful in making a precedent which one who may perhaps be here during the course of to-day might not adopt. The estimates were then considered in Finance Committee; and I am glad to see that every consideration has been given to them by the unofficial members as is shown by the memorandum that has been laid on the table. With regard to the information that the Hon. members have referred to, I can only express what I have repeatedly expressed before that at all events a far as I was concerned I was only too anxious to supply any information in my power. It may be difficult perhaps in some particular cases to give what is referred to as detailed information, but all the information the Government have in their possession they certainly ought to give in connection with all public works; and I did endeavour to give such information as I had in hand at any particular moment. I was certainly under the impression that the documents drawn up by the Surveyor-General and laid on the Council table afforded a great deal of information. There were no less than three reports of the Surveyor General on public works submitted to the Council, one dated 17th June, another memorandum drawn up by him in connection with the estimates of this year, dated 14th August, and a third dated 10th July. It appears I was labouring under an erroneous impression; for I regret to find that the unofficial members think that they did not get all the information that they would have wished. I must refer to one or two points in connection with the public works mentioned in this memorandum. One is the procedure that has been taken in regard to the drainage and water works. Now, a month or two before Mr Chadwick's departure from the Colony, he drew my attention to what I could not help considering as the very unsatisfactory state of the expenditure in connection with these important matters. He informed me, if I remember rightly, that the Council had voted a lump sum for the carrying out of these works; and he drew my attention to the fact that the salaries of the officers attached to this work were paid out of this lump sum; and it was very difficult to say how much of that sum would go towards the actual carrying out of the work and how much toward the payment of salaries. I considered this to be a very unsatisfactory way of dealing with the matter, and I requested Mr Chadwick to draw up a memorandum pointing out what portion should go towards carrying out the actual work, and what proportion for salaries. He did that, and then the memorandum was laid before the Council; and the Council was asked to arrive at a decision. I think I myself made some observations when these papers were put on the table. The Council then approved of the scheme, and since then there has been a division in the accounts. If any suggestion had been made to me at the time that this scheme should have been further worked up, the direction hinted at in the memorandum I am sure I would have been very happy to give my best consideration to such suggestion. In connection with this matter the memorandum suggests that they should be placed under the control of the Sanitary Board. Now the question of the amount and of the reconstruction of the Sanitary Board may be one of importance; but I believe it has been generally understood that as long as these works are in actual construction it would be better to leave them to the department now entrusted with them and then transfer them to the Sanitary Board. This was Mr Chadwick's opinion, although I do not think he had a strong feeling against enlarging the powers of the Sanitary Board if such were thought desirable. But with regard to a Board of this nature I may say that my own opinion is this—and I think it is the opinion entertained by most—that if you give a Board of this description, whether it be called a Sanitary Board or Municipal Board, power to spend money you must also give it power to raise rates. Otherwise it spends money which belongs to somebody else. As long as we have money of our own to spend we are careful in spending it; but if we have an unlimited supply of money of another person, or if as soon as the limited supply is over we can go to the other person and say we are in debt and you must pay the same amount of taxation is not adopted. Therefore it seems to me that if we give to a Board of this description the power to spend we must also give to it the power to raise money from the tax-payers according to the amounts that may be necessary. Another point in connection with this memorandum is the question of Gaol extension. This is a question that has been going on ever since the year 1875, that is 15 years ago. A committee was then appointed to consider the whole question, and its report was sent to the Secretary of State. A long correspondence then ensued between the Secretary of State and the then Governor, Sir John Pope Hennessy. It was distinctly decided about that period that a new gaol should be built at Stonecutters' Island. The military authorities however objected to that course and for the time being the scheme was abandoned. The question came again under the consideration of the Secretary of State in 1883 when Sir George Bowen was Governor. He requested the Secretary of State in consequence of the large amount of public works then going on to allow the question of gaol extension to be postponed. The Secretary of State consented to this being done on the distinct understanding that the question was not to be indefinitely postponed. In 1886 a commission was appointed to consider the question of insufficient accommodation in the Gaol. This commission very strongly recommended what had been already recommended by the Secretary of State, that the Gaol should be extended. They admitted that it was overcrowded. They based their recommendation principally on the ground that the separate system should be had recourse to. They concluded that the separate system would be one that would have a very beneficial effect in regard to Chinese prisoners. Now I believe opinions differ; and from the report of the Finance Committee it appears that the hon. member representing the Chinese community here is of opinion that the separate system would not have any very deterrent effect. There is no doubt that many in this Colony who have given their attention to this matter have confidence in the separate system, and their opinion has been incurred in over and over again by the Secretary of State himself. Correspondence was carried on with the Secretary of State from the time that the report of this Commission was sent Home up to within the last year. I am not sure that there was much correspondence during the course of 1889; but in connection with the estimates of this year the Secretary of State again drew my attention to the fact that no provision had been made for Gaol extension. I was then obliged to take up the question and to make proposals. I have been through the Gaol, and I am still of opinion that it would not be desirable to build a new and costly gaol if it is possible to extend the present gaol so as to provide the additional accommodation that is necessary. The despatch I

wrote on the subject to the Secretary of State has not yet been replied to, and therefore I do not know if he agrees with my views. I may inform the Council that there are three alternative proposals. One is to build an entirely new gaol, the second is to build a new block, and the third is to extend the present premises. I pointed out to the Secretary of State that I was not in favour of the building of a new gaol, and I was not in favour of a new block because to erect a new block is to practically erect a new gaol; and if you erect a new block a second staff is required the cost of which would be considerable. In conclusion I would remark that something will have to be done, and that before very long, to provide some further accommodation. We have visited the Gaol on several occasions within the last two months. I had according to the Gaol regulations there would be special accommodation for first class misdemeanants, for prisoners awaiting trial, for debtors, and for women. There is no special accommodation for first class misdemeanants nor for prisoners awaiting trial. Women are imprisoned in a house hired for the occasion and debtors are not imprisoned in such a way as they should be. A debtor is not a criminal. He is merely sent to Gaol for confinement because he does not pay the debts. Therefore we ought to treat him with every respect and give him every comfort consistent with the position he holds. An important question is connected with this matter, whether compensation for debt or for its non-payment is not desirable. My own opinion is that it is not desirable. I think that in most colonies the course that has been adopted in England is followed—not to imprison a man merely because he is unable to pay his debts; but if you prove he has the means to pay and will not pay, or that he has contracted with the Government for a sum of money, and if the contract suggested can be adopted, to have a public work first considered by the Finance Committee, I for one see no objection to that course and I do not believe the Governor or his return will object to it either.

The report of the Finance Committee was then adopted.

THE LINNET, AND THE NAMOA PIRACY.

Mr Whitehead gave notice that at next meeting he would ask if the Government would state the reasons for the delay that occurred in sending out a gundown to search for the *Namoa* pirates.

His Excellency may as well state now the facts so far as I am concerned. At 10 o'clock on the morning of the 11th, Commodore Church came to see me and informed me of what had taken place. At that time I had received no official report from any one, nor had the matter in any way officially brought to my notice. Commodore Church told me what had been related to him, and then suggested that it might be desirable to send a gunboat.

He expressed his willingness to do so. I told him that before sending a gunboat it might be well if I could see Mr McLennan Brown, who probably knew the locality and might give some valuable information in regard to what might be done. I immediately sent for Mr McLennan Brown and he was good enough to come with half an hour. I then told him what Commodore Church had mentioned, which fact had of course previously come to his knowledge. He agreed with me that it would be desirable for a gunboat to go out, and he stated that it would cost Captain Stewart to accompany the gunboat if such were agreeable to the Commodore. Captain Stewart is a native of the Kaiping. I then wrote a note to the Commodore. I did not wish this matter to be kept over for official correspondence, so I wrote a note telling him I had seen Mr McLennan Brown, and that he would request Captain Stewart to communicate with him in order that he might go with the gunboat if such were agreeable to the Commodore. 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ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE.

DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES.

The annual prize distribution at St. Joseph's College took place on Saturday evening. There was, as usual, a large assemblage, and His Excellency the Acting Governor, Hon. F. Fleming, presided.

Recitations, choruses, instrumental music &c., were given by the boys, and a sacred drama, "Joseph in Egypt," was performed, in all of which the pupils acquitted themselves very creditably.

Bishop Raimondi said as the hour was late he would be brief, but from the little which he said it would be seen that the Christian Brothers and their pupils had not been idle during the year. Twenty boys, more than last year had been presented for examination. The third standard had especially distinguished itself.

Thirty-two boys had presented for examination, and passed with special praise from the Inspector of Schools. As for the higher standards, it had been the principal care of the Christian Brothers to form the minds of the children, to train them up to think, to reason, to compose, and they were very pleased to hear from the Inspector of Schools that there had been most prominent progress in composition. Fifty boys had taken up extra subjects. He (Bishop Raimondi) promised last year some of the boys of St. Joseph's College would take part in the St. Joseph's Local Examinations, so they did and they were a great success. Four boys were presented and passed in all the subjects presented to them, which we consider a great success.

With regard to the Bellischi Scholarship, which they had won, the name of the fortunate winner when His Excellency distributed the prizes. Two Bellischi medals came to the College, and this year they had got to go more. In a word the painstaking diligence of the Christian Brothers in carrying on their work had been beyond praise. He was very glad that the vexed question of attendances had been settled at last, and that it was reserved for His Excellency to obtain in a few months what they had not been able to obtain in fifteen years. (Loud applause.)

His Excellency—Bishop Raimondi, ladies and gentlemen, one of the first duties I was requested to perform on my arrival in this colony rather less than a year ago was to distribute the prizes of St. Joseph's College, and the last I have been requested to perform in that capacity which I have filled during the last ten months is to do a similar act. I stated before, and I will say again to-day, that of all the duties which are attached as it were to official life there is none so gratifying as to take part in conferring laurels on those who so worthily win them in the time of their youth and whose pleasure in receiving them is more genuine and more true than in the years of after life. (Applause.) When one has to speak or offer opinions from time to time on the same subject it is very difficult to find something now to say, and therefore if I should this evening repeat any observations I may have made on a previous occasion I must ask you to forgive me. During the last few months many miscellaneous matters have come under my notice, but I may truly say, that I have taken a deeper interest in none and I have endeavoured to do my best in regard to none more than I have endeavoured to work in the great cause of education, and if any little thing I have been able to accomplish has tended to further that cause I can only say I shall not consider the time I have devoted to this matter and the interest I have taken in it as altogether thrown away. I will now say a few words more particularly to those in whose honour we are assembled here this evening, and I will ask them to take advantage of that learning and that training which is now being given to them, for three principal reasons—in the first place, for the sake of their fellow-creatures; in the second place, for the sake of those who teach them; and in the third place, for the sake of themselves. The poet Wordsworth has told us truly that "the child is father to the man." As a child is trained and as a child is taught, so will the child become the youth and so will the youth turn into manhood, and I will go even further than this and say that it is on the character of the man so formed that the happiness of this world depends. If therefore you would secure happiness for yourselves and for those who are running along with you in the same stage of life, and if you would secure happiness for those who are hereafter to follow you, let me advise you strongly to take full advantage of the teaching you are now receiving. In the second place, if you desire to show any gratitude to those who are spending the best years of their life in teaching you, you may depend upon it they can receive no greater reward than to know that the seeds they are now planting and the plants they are now rearing will produce such fruit as will be creditable to the teacher as well as to him who is taught. In the third place, I would ask you to be diligent in learning on account of yourselves. I remember reading only a short time ago a very interesting address that was delivered by the present Lord Derby when distributing the prizes at some educational institution in England, in which he very aptly alluded to the blessings which are to be derived from teaching and from learning. His Lordship remarked that there had been centuries in times gone by during which greater victories may have been won on the field of battle, or during which greater constitutional crises or political events may have come to pass, which may have been more highly endowed with the art of the painter, or the poet, but that there has been no century which has seen a more rapid advance in science than the century which has given us birth. Who we have been born amidst the advantages of the present century, perhaps do not sufficiently realize that at the commencement of it not a single line was laid of that network of railways which may be found now in almost every country in the world, that at that time it would take as many weeks to reach the mother country from this colony as it takes days to-day. One would as little have thought then of communicating with a friend thousands of miles away and receiving an answer in a few minutes, or of having his portrait taken in a few seconds far more accurately than the artist's brush, or of speaking into an instrument which would bottle up his voice and then let it be heard again at some future time—one would have thought as little of doing either of these things as of putting on wings and trying to reach the moon or fly across the seas. As the hour is late I shall not detain you longer. I wish to express my satisfaction at having been here this evening; and I desire to offer my best congratulations to St. Joseph's College, on the success it has had in the past, and to say that I wish it even greater success in the future. We are now entering into the most joyful time of the year, and in conclusion let me wish you all and a very merry Christmas and a prosperous '91, and I sincerely hope that the yearly course which brings this season round may never see it for us but as a happy one. (Loud applause.)

The prizes were then distributed, and at the close of the proceedings a vote of thanks was awarded to His Excellency for presiding.

Mails.

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Hongkong, October 14, 1890. 796

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